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Docket No.: 043920-0032

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Fernando L. ALVARADO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 5984  
Application No.: 09/522,709 : Group Art Unit: 3693  
Filed: March 10, 2000 : Examiner: CHANDLER, Sara M.  
For: METHOD FOR MANAGING RISK IN MARKETS RELATED TO COMMODITIES  
DELIVERED OVER A NETWORK  
□ Title for CIP: Method and System for Managing and Evaluating Transmission Congestion  
Risk in Electricity Derivative Contracts

## AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
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In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire June 30, 2009, a one-month extension of time up to and including July 30, 2009 being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.